

REMARKS

Before discussing the Restriction Requirement imposed in the present Office Action, applicants have cancelled original structure Claims 1-34 and have replaced the same with new Claims 56-80. The newly added claims are supported throughout the specification of the instant application as well as in original Claims 1-34 cancelled herein. Since new Claims 56-80 are replacement structure claims, applicants will address the Restriction Requirement by substituting new Claims 56-80, drawn to a structure, for original Claims 1-34, also drawn to a structure.

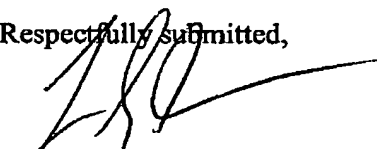
In the present Official Action, the claims which are present in the above-captioned application have been subjected to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 56-80¹, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in Class 257, subclass 347; and
- II. Claims 35-55, drawn to a method of making semiconductor devices, classified in Class 438, subclass 149.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 56-80, and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application, i.e., Claims 35-55.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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¹ The Examiner is reminded that applicants have essential replaced original structure Claims 1-34 with new structure Claims 56-80 and, as such, the newly added claims have been inserted into the Restriction instead of original Claims 1-34.